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In the Application of:

Thomas W. Lynch

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For: SYMBIOTIC COMPUTING SYSTEM
AND METHOD OF OPERATION
THEREFOR

§ Group Art Unit: 2152

§ Examiner: Prieto, Beatriz

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RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby responds to the Office Action mailed May 24, 2002 and respectfully requests entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks presented herein. Attached hereto is a petition for a two-month extension of time and required fee that extends the response date to October 24, 2002. Included at the end of this response is a Version with Markings to Show Changes Made.

In the Specification:

Attached hereto are Formal Drawings that have been corrected according to the Official Draftperson's objections.

In the Specification:

At page 16, line 22, change "xxx,xxx" to --306,513.

After amendment, the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 17, will read: